

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on February 2, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 241, 1/29/2007
Executive Action: SB 324; SB 218

00:03:28 Vice Chair Wanzenried

**SB 241 CONTINUATION - RECONVENED FROM JANUARY 24, 2007, WEDNESDAY
HEARING - RECESSED FOR THE GOVERNOR'S STATE-OF-THE STATE**

HEARING ON SB 241

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:05:47 **SEN. CHRISTINE KAUFMANN (D), SD 41**, opened the hearing
on **SB 241**, Generally revise oil and gas laws.

Proponents:

**The people listed below called in for teleconference on SB 241
hearing**

00:09:33 Mark Fix, Chair of Northern Plains Resource Council

00:13:30 Doug McRae, Rancher, Miles City

00:15:55 Roger Mugglie, Tongue and Yellowstone Irrigator/Rancher

00:18:43 Deanna Hoff, Irrigator/Farmer

00:19:46 Dennis Trudell, Northeast Montana Land and Mineral

00:21:47 Wade Sikorski, Fallon County

00:23:13 Julia Page, Northern Plains Resource Council

End of Teleconference

EXHIBIT(nas23a01)

00:31:08 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

00:31:52 Brenda Lindlief-Hall, Tongue River Council

00:34:20 Herb Vasser, Rancher

00:35:25 Jeff Barber, Environmental Information Center

Opponents:

00:36:03 Bruce Williams, Vice President of Operations for
Fidelity Exploration Company

00:41:27 Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

EXHIBIT(nas23a02)

00:45:31 Sen. Keith Bales, SD 20, Otter

00:51:18 John Metropoulos, Attorney representing Fidelity
Exploration Company

00:55:17 Jerome Anderson, Attorney, Encore Acquisition Oil and
Gas Company

00:58:21 Patrick Montalban, Montana Oil and Gas Association

Informational Testimony:

01:04:43 Tom Richmond, Administrator of Montana Board of Oil and
Gas Conservation

EXHIBIT(nas23a03)

EXHIBIT(nas23a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:44 Sen. Tash to Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas
Conservation

Closing by Sponsor:

01:12:23 Sen. Kaufmann

01:20:36 Chairman Lind

Five minute break.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 324

01:29:54 **Motion:** SEN. WANZENRIED moved that SB 324 DO PASS.

Discussion:

01:30:08 **Motion:** SEN. PERRY moved that AMENDMENT SB032401.AJK
BE ADOPTED.

EXHIBIT(nas23a05)

Discussion:

01:32:27 Joe Kolman, LSD

01:33:06 Sen. Lind to Sen. Perry

01:35:18 Sen. Tash

01:36:56 Sen. Lind to Joe Kolman, LSD

01:37:41 Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

01:39:15 Sen. Gebhardt

01:40:28 Sen. Kaufmann to Sen. Perry

01:42:00 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Harrington voted by proxy.**

01:42:29 **Motion: SEN. GEBHARDT moved that SB 324 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:42:43 Sen. Tropila

01:43:19 **Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Harrington voted by proxy.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 218

01:43:58 **Motion: SEN. LIND moved that SB 218 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:44:16 **Motion: SEN. LIND moved that AMENDMENT SB021801.AJK BE ADOPTED.**

EXHIBIT (nas23a06)

Discussion:

01:46:11 Sen. Lind

01:46:41 Joe Kolman. LSD

01:53:13 Sen. Perry to Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

01:54:29 Sen. Perry to Gail Abercrombie, Montana Petroleum Association

01:54:45 Sen. Perry to Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition Oil and Gas Company

Discussion:

01:58:15 Sen. Tash to Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

01:59:35 Sen. Gebhardt to Joe Kolman, LSD

02:00:28 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Lind

02:02:53 Sen. Gebhardt

02:03:42 Sen. Lind

02:06:02 Sen. Kaufmann to Joe Kolman

02:06:15 Sen. Kaufmann

02:07:16 Joe Kolman, LSD

02:08:35 Sen. Lind to Tom Richmond, Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation

02:10:05 **Motion: Sen. Lind withdrew motion on AMENDMENT SB021801.ajk**

02:10:50 Sen. Perry

02:11:42 Sen. Wanzenried

02:11:53 Sen. Gebhardt

02:13:02 Sen. Lind

02:13:35 Sen. Lind

02:13:57 Sen. Gebhardt

02:14:41 **Motion: Sen. Lind withdrew DO PASS motion on SB 218.**

Discussion:

02:15:18 Chairman Lind

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:25 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

GL/cj

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas23aad.pdf](#))